<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>

IN THE UNITED STRIES RATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Yasutaka SUGAWARA et al.

Application No.: 10/722,428

Filed: November 28, 2003

For:

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Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner:

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LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request(s) entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 176349 in the amount of \boxtimes \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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